

All land within 1/4 mile around the Kenibuna Lake, Chakachatna River, Chakachamna Lake and tributary.

The area described contains approximately 11,900 acres.

2. The State of Alaska applications for selection made under Section 6(b) of the Alaska Statehood Act of July 7, 1958, 48 U.S.C. note prec. 21 (1994), and under Section 906(e) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 43 U.S.C. 1635(e) (1994), become effective without further action by the State upon publication of this public land order in the **Federal Register**, if such land is otherwise available. Land not conveyed to the State will continue to be subject to the terms and conditions of the Power Site Classification No. 395, as established by Geological Survey Order dated April 22, 1948, and any other withdrawal or segregation of record.

Dated: March 29, 1999.

John Berry,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Request for Public Comment on Appropriate Studies on Winter Use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway

AGENCY: National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Solicitation of public comment on appropriate research topics on winter use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway.

SUMMARY: On September 24, 1998 the National Park Service and the Fund for Animals and other individuals and organizations signed a settlement agreement to resolve litigation concerning the National Park Service Winter Use Plan for Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway. Under the terms of the agreement the National Park Service agreed to solicit comments on appropriate studies they should conduct on winter use in the parks for use in the ongoing winter use planning process. However, due to the time constraints imposed by the settlement agreement, some of the proposed and ongoing winter use research may not be completed in time for incorporation into the draft winter use plans and environmental impact statement. The

information will be useful for long term management of winter use in the parks.

The National Park Service requests that all individuals, organizations, agencies or entities that are interested in or affected by winter visitor use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway share comments or concerns on appropriate topics of research for use in the winter user planning process.

Background

Winter use research projects currently underway in the affected national parks include: the social carrying capacity of Yellowstone National Park for winter use, an assessment of winter recreation on wildlife in Yellowstone National Park, a winter visitor survey for Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the Greater Yellowstone Area, a snowmobile emission survey in Yellowstone, Hayden Valley bison monitoring, Gibbon/Golden Gate bison monitoring, bison use of groomed roads in Yellowstone National Park, characterization of snowmobile particulate emissions, measurement of airborne toxics and regulated pollutants emitted from snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park, and snowpack and snowmelt runoff chemical analysis at Yellowstone National Park. In addition, research projects are currently being conducted on bison ecology and brucellosis. These studies include forage availability, habitat use, and bison population dynamics.

Proposed research topics include, but are not limited to, snowmobile mogul generation, a field evaluation of gasohol's ability to reduce snowmobiler exposure to carbon monoxide, and snowmobile sound monitoring.

Comments

Written comments concerning appropriate research topics on winter use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway should be postmarked no later than June 21, 1999. Comments should be addressed to Winter Use Research, Planning Office, Box 168, Yellowstone National Park WY, 82190.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Sarah Creachbaum, Planning Office, Box 168, Yellowstone National Park WY, 82190, (307) 344-2024; or George Helfrich, Grand Teton National Park, Box 170, Moose WY, 83102 (307) 739-3486.

Dated: April 7, 1999.

John E. Cook,

Regional Director, Intermountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

In accordance with Departmental policy and Section 122 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622, the Department of Justice gives notice that a proposed partial consent decree in *United States v. USX Corp., et al.*, Civil No. 98 C 6389 (N.D. Ill.), was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois on April 7, 1999, pertaining to the Yeoman Creek Landfill Superfund Site, located in Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois. The proposed partial consent decree would resolve the United States's civil claims against ten *de minimis* defendants named in the action as provided in the consent decree. The settling defendants are Akzo Nobel Coatings, Inc. (successor to Reliance Universal, Inc.); Babson Bros. Co. (on behalf of Pfanstiehl Detergent Chemicals, Inc.); Commonwealth Edison Company; F.K. Pattern & Foundry, Inc.; Kmart Corporation; North Shore Gas Company; Pfanstiehl Corporation (f/k/a Pfanstiehl Chemical Corporation); Pfanstiehl Laboratories, Inc.; Sears, Roebuck and Co.; and Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. (successor to Ace Scavenger Service, Inc.) and Waste Management of Wisconsin, Inc. (f/k/a Acme Disposal Service Corp. and successor to City Disposal Corporation, f/k/a City Disposal Service, Inc.). Under the proposed consent decree, the ten settling defendants would pay a total of \$290,000.00.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resource Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. USX Corp., et al.*, Civil No. 98 C 6389 (N.D. Ill.), and DOJ Reference No. 90-11-2-1315/1.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at: (1) the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District